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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Reply, the Application of

Tatsuo SATO

Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 09/731,669

Examiner: H. Nguyen

Filed: December 8, 2000

Docket No.: 108079

For: GAS REPLACEMENT METHOD AND  
APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD AND  
APPARATUS

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**LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicant hereby requests continued examination. Applicant further requests entry and consideration of the:

- ☐ submission filed [Date].
- ☒ attached submission.
- ☐ The submission filed [Date] is not to be entered.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 147127 in the amount of ☒ \$770.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

Upon acceptance of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please  
consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims;

**Remarks.**